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SUBJECT: MINISTRY OF JUSTICE ISSUES ORDER FOR DEPORTATION
OF GEORGE OGLE

REF: STATE 270113

BEGIN SUMMARY: ACTING FONMIN INFORMED CHARGE
DEC 14 AT 1100 THAT MINISTRY OF JUSTICE HAD ISSUED
DEPORTATION ORDER TO GEORGE OGLE. OGLE HAD ALREADY
REQUESTED RIGHT OF APPEAL. LHO STATED THAT NO
DECISION HAD BEEN MADE IN JUSTICE MINISTRY AS TO
WHEN OGLE WOULD BE DEPORTED IF APPEAL NOT GRANTED.
CHARGE REVIEWED INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL AND OTHER
AGRUMENTATION, EXPRESSED REGRET THAT ROKG HAD
DECIDED TO TAKE THIS ACTION AGAINST OGLE. END SUMMARY.

1. ACTING FONMIN LHO SHIN-YONG CALLED IN CHARGE
AT 1100 DEC 14 TO INFORM HIM THAT MINISTRY OF
JUSTICE HAD ISSUED DEPORTATION ORDER (ALSO MADE
PUBLIC AT 1100 DEC 14) TO GEORGE OGLE. HE HANDED
CHARGE MOFA TRANSLATION OF JUSTICE MINISTRY STATEMENT
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ANNOUNCING DEPORTATION ORDER AND CITING ALLEGED ACTIVITIES

BY OGLE WHICH HAD LED TO ITS ISSUANCE. STATEMENT CLAIMS THAT OGLE HAD ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES OTHER THAN THOSE FOR WHICH HE WAS PERMITTED ENTRY INTO KOREA AND THAT HE HAD ENGAGED IN "ILLEGAL AGITATION AND DEMONSTRATION." STATEMENT ENDS BY MAKING POINT JUSTICE MINISTRY HAD TO ISSUE ORDER WHEN OGLE REFUSED TO COMPLY WITH REQUEST HE DISCONTINUE ALLEGED ACTIVITIES AND SHOWED NO REMORSE. (FULL TEXT OF STATEMENT TRANSMITTED SEPTTEL.)

2. CHARGE SAID THAT HE EXPECTED THAT OGLE WOULD BE ALLOWED TO EXERCISE RIGHT OF APPEAL AS PROVIDED BY LAW AND ASKED PRECISELY WHAT SUBSEQUENT SEQUENCE OF EVENTS WOULD BE. LHO CALLED VICE MINISTER OF JUSTICE, WHO SAID OGLE HAD ALREADY REQUESTED RIGHT OF APPEAL AND THAT JUSTICE MINISTER, WHO THEN IN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, WOULD CONSIDER APPEAL QUESTION ON RETURN TO HIS OFFICE LATER IN THE DAY. LHO SAID HE HAD ADVISED JUSTICE MINISTRY TO BE VERY CAREFUL IN CARRYING OUT PROVISIONS OF LAW. IN VIEW OF NATURE OGLE CASE, HE HAD ADVISED JUSTICE MINISTRY TO PERMIT OGLE TO REMAIN AT HOME WHILE APPEAL BEING CONSIDERED, UNDER SOME FORM OF "HOUSE ARREST" IF JUSTICE MINISTRY FELT HE MIGHT TAKE PART IN DEMONSTRATIONS AND AGITATION. LAW PROVIDES THAT PERSON AGAINST WHOM DEPORTATION ORDER ISSUED MAY BE JAILED, BUT THIS WOULD NOT BE DONE IN OGLE CASE. LHO SAID THE JUSTICE MINISTRY HAD NOT YET DECIDED WHEN OGLE WOULD BE DEPORTED SHOULD HIS APPEAL BE DENIED.

3. CHARGE REVIEWED INSTRUCTIONS REFTTEL, TOLD LHO THAT IT WAS REGRETTABLE THAT THE ROKG HAD DECIDED TO TAKE THIS STEP AGAINST OGLE, AND SAID EMBASSY AND USG WOULD HAVE TO SO STATE PUBLICLY. LHO SAID HE UNDERSTOOD US POSITION AND THAT HE, HIMSELF, HAD TRIED TO HAVE CASE HANDLED DIFFERENTLY. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT PROTESTS BY RELIGIOUS GROUPS AND MISSIONARIES ON OGLE'S BEHALF, OGLE'S OWN ADMISSION THAT HE HAD ENGAGED IN THOSE ACTIVITIES OBJECTED TO BY JUSTICE MINISTRY AND, PRIMARILY, HIS REFUSAL TO GUARANTEE THAT HE WOULD CONFINE HIMSELF IN FUTURE

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TO RELIGIOUS AND WELFARE ACTIVITIES MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ROKG TO AVOID DEPORTATION ORDER.

4. OGLE, WHO HAD BEEN TAKEN TO SEOUL IMMIGRATION OFFICE MORNING OF DEC 14, RETURNED HOME AFTER TWO-HOUR MEETING. SOME OF HIS MISSIONARY COLLEAGUES TOLD EMBOFFS THAT HE WOULD SEEK EMBASSY HELP IN SECURING A LAWYER, EMBOFF LATER WENT TO OGLE'S

HOUSE DEC 14 TO GIVE HIM STAFDARD CONSULAR LIST
OF LAWYERS AND TO DEMONSTRATE EMBASSY INTEREST.

5. EMBASSY RESPONDING TO PRESS INQUIRIES ALONG
LINES CONTAINED REFTEL.
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